

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are presently pending in this application and have been subject to restriction.

The Examiner alleges that the claims are drawn to 3 patentably distinct inventions as follows:

Group I: claims 1-10 and 13, drawn to a drug composition comprising freeze-dried or frozen microparticles from blood cells and tissues;

Group II: claims 11, 14, and 15, drawn to a process for promoting bone tissue regeneration by applying a drug composition comprising freeze-dried or frozen microparticles from blood cells and tissues and a biocompatible material; and

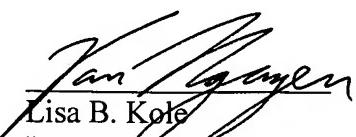
Group III: claims 12 and 16, drawn to a method for accelerating osteoclast cell growth by administering an aqueous suspension of virus inactivated microparticles derived from blood cells and/or tissues derived microparticles.

Applicants hereby elect the claimed compositions of Group I, claims 1-10 and 13, drawn to a process for promoting bone tissue regeneration by applying a drug composition comprising freeze-dried or frozen microparticles from blood cells and tissues and a biocompatible material.

Applicants submit that the election is made without prejudice to the prosecution of the subject matter of non-elected claims in divisional, continuation, and continuation-in-part applications.

Entry of the foregoing remarks into the file of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. An early allowance is earnestly sought.

Respectfully submitted,



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